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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Gerlach, et al.
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/970607 EXAMINER: Terry Alan McKelvey
FILING DATE: 10/03/2001 ART UNIT: 1636
FOR: NOVEL PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

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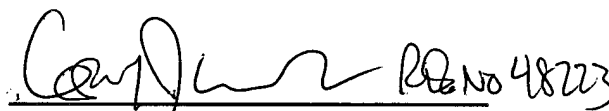
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Communication, mailed October 3, 2003 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before February 3, 2004. A check in the amount of \$475.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-675CIP2. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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